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Report Highlights:

The European Commission passed a decision amending the approval of residue plans of third countries. This amendment effectively re-lists the United States as one of the third countries eligible to export honey to the EU.

Includes PSD Changes: No
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The full text of Commission Decision 2004/685/EC is available from http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/pri/en/oj/dat/2004/l_312/l_31220041009en00190023.pdf.

The publication of this decision follows the submission of a honey residue monitoring plan designed by the National Honey Board and reviewed by FDA and USDA.

While the re-listing of the U.S. is based on a plan, we expect the Commission to look closely into the honey residue data that have to be provided by the end of March 2005 as part of the annual residue plan required by the Commission for animal-derived foods.

Background

On January 11, 2003 the European Commission passed a decision amending the provisional approval of residue plans of third countries. This amendment effectively de-listed the United States from the list of third countries that could export honey to the EU, and thus banned the exports of U.S. honey to the EU.

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